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## CENTO FANS MOSLEM DIFFERENCES IN NEAR EAST

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(Excerpt) The ringleaders of the aggressive CENTO military bloc have now resorted to new instigations to intensify the crisis in the Near and Middle East. According to information received, a secret plan has been concocted at CENTO Headquarters under CIA agents and the British Intelligence Service to fan the flame of religious differences among Moslem countries in this region.

Notes left behind at the Teheran Hilton Hotel by a person named Michael Smith confirm this conspiracy. The note indicate that consultative meetings by the CIA centers in the Near and Middle East were held only recently in Teheran, after which the high-ranking CIA officials and the British Intelligence servicemen met for the purpose of coordinating the operation of these two spying setups in Iran and in other Moslem countries of the Near and Middle East.

What has been discussed at the secret consultative meetings of the British and U.S. spies? Michael Smith's notes indicate that he himself did not participate in the meetings, but has been informed verbally of some of the topics discussed so that he could convey the matter to U.S. officials on his impending arrival there. The notes indicate that at the meetings of the U.S. spy centers in Teheran, the officials of these centers were instructed to expand their sphere of activity in religious circles, especially among religious personages, in order to infiltrate the public and use religion to secure U.S. aims. Necessary plans for this purpose were prepared at these meetings, and decisions which could constitute the operational plan for these spies were adopted.

Some of the details of the CENTO secret plot have been made clear to us by those who are in contact with CENTO Headquarters. Top priority has been given in these plans to fanning the flame of religious differences between the Shiite and the Sunni. The spies have even been instructed in practical actions to be taken for this purpose. The British and U.S. spies have been instructed to regard it as their main task to sow the seed of dissension among the various Moslem denominations and to cause misunderstanding between the Shiite and Sunni sects. They have also been instructed to hatch plots on religious days of each of these religious sects in the name of the other sect, in order to offend their religious sentiments and thus lay grounds for enmity between the Shiite and the Sunni Moslems.

According to the CENTO plan, the British and U.S. spies, after infiltrating into the ranks of religious authorities, should incite hostile sentiment toward the other sect and thus cause dissension among the religious authorities of the two sects. The British and U.S. spies have also been charged with encouraging religious arguments which could cause enmity and hostility between the two Sunni sects.

As we can see, the conspiracy to fan the flame of religious differences is a most shameful and dastardly plot by the British and American CENTO ringleaders. The aim of the plot is to prevent realization of unity between these two Moslem sects against imperialism. British and U.S. imperialists are mortally afraid of this unity. They can see that unity of the Moslem countries of the Near and Middle East will seriously imperil their imperialistic interests in the region.